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Statement by Poland

Equality between women and men is enshrined in the treaties of the European Union as a fundamental right. Poland ensures equality between women and men within the framework of the Polish national legal system in accordance with international human rights treaties and within the framework of the fundamental values and principles of the European Union. For these reasons, in expressions containing the term 'gender' Poland will interpret it as equality between women and men in accordance with Article 8 TFEU.

Statement by Hungary

Hungary welcomes the outcome of the negotiations concerning the regulation on the European Institute for Innovation and Technology (EIT), which is an important step to ensure the effective functioning of the EIT.

The EIT's governance model is based on a strong, independent and high- level Governing Board. We strongly support that the EIT and its Governing Board shall be accountable to the Commission, Member States and European Parliament as well.

The draft regulation provides for granting supervisory role and *de facto* veto right to the European Commission which, according to Hungary, undermines the EIT's independence.

There is no reason for the proposed changes concerning the EIT's governing structure, Hungary therefore disagrees with it, because such restrictions seriously harm the EIT's independence.

Hungary underlines that all future measures should be in line with the principled-based provision on the EIT's operational independence, and shall carry out its activities independently of national authorities and external pressures.
